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TO AMEMBASSY QUITO
INFO AMEMBASSY LIMA

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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: PERSONNEL

REF:A) STATE 117613 (NOTAL), B) QUITO 3177 (NOTAL)
C) STATE 119531

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS REVIEWED YOUR REQUEST FOR TDY PERSONNEL TO PERFORM THE NARCOTICS ADVISORY FUNCTIONS IN QUITO DURING CRAIG'S HOME LEAVE. ALTHOUGH UNABLE TO FIND A REPLACEMENT DURING THE ENTIRETY OF CRAIG'S ABSENCE, WE BELIEVE THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL MIGHT BE USEFUL.

2. WE HAVE INVESTIGATED FURTHER THE POSSIBILITY OF ASSIGNMENT OF HOLGUIN OR LOPEZ TO QUITO ON A TDY BASIS. THIS WILL BE IMPRACTICAL, HOWEVER, AS THEY WILL BE NEEDED DURING JUNE AND JULY AT THEIR OWN POSTS FOR NARCOTICS PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH A VISITING DEPARTMENT (S/NM) CONTRACT EMPLOYEE. CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS, AS WELL AS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PROGRAM DESIGN WORK TO BE PERFORMED, MAKE IT IMPRACTICAL FOR THE CONTRACTOR TO DEFER HIS VISIT TO
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BOGOTA AND LA PAZ. MOREOVER, THE CONTRACTOR'S WORK CANNOT BE COMPLETED WITHOUT THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF NARCOTICS OFFICERS ASSIGNED AT THE POSTS HE WILL VISIT.

3. SINCE WE INTEND TO SEND THE SAME S/NM CONTRACTOR TO QUITO, WE ALSO CONSIDERED HAVING HIM WORK WITH GUZMAN

IN THAT CITY DURING CRAIG'S ABSENCE, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF GUZMAN'S FAMILIARITY WITH THE VARIOUS INC PROJECTS THERE. HOWEVER, DUE TO THE PRESS OF NARCOTICS WORK IN LIMA CONNECTED WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF RECENTLY NEGOTIATED PROJECT AGREEMENTS WITH PERU, WE BELIEVE IT UNWISE TO LEAVE THE LIMA JOB UNFILLED FOR ANY LENGTHY PERIOD.

4. WE PROPOSE GUZMAN PROCEED TO LIMA IN CONFORMITY WITH HIS TRANSFER, REF C. OFFICIAL ORDERS WILL ARRIVE POST NOT LATER THAN JUNE 9. SUGGEST GUZMAN SUBSEQUENTLY RETURN TO QUITO ON TDY PRIOR TO JUNE 22 TO COORDINATE WITH S/NM CONTRACTOR ON PROGRAM DESIGN IN ECUADOR. TDY SHOULD NOT EXCEED 15 DAYS.

5. FOR QUITO AND LIMA: PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS SOLUTION ACCEPTABLE. VANCE

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